vocabulary of children in their oral expression.

(ii) To promote cognitive skills in children like sequential thinking, problem solving and concept formation.

(iii) To inculcate in young children an awareness of thfnr immediate environment.

(iv) To develop an awareness of their cultural heritage among the children,

(v) To promote the use of play-way and activity method in teaching young children.

Measures to curb vulgarity in films

133. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of Ministers of Information and Broadcasting of the States was held on 24th June, 1994 in New Delhi.

(b) if so, what were the main subjects discussed;

(c) if so, whether the Prime Minister has urged the film makers to curb vulgarity or face action;

(d) if so, whether, any concrete measures and steps in this regard have been worked out; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P .SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The discussion was mainly centered on the issues of entertainment tax, need to check obscenity and violence in films, expansion, up gradation of AIR]DD networks, us© of electronic and non-electronic media for projecting developmental activities in the States, the need lor better coordination between Media Units of Central Government and State Governments,, etc

(c) The Prime Minister expressed concern about increasing obscenity, vulgarity and violeaee in films and solid that while self-regulation in the best antidote, in case it fails to work the Government would have to think of other measures.

(d) and (e) It has been the endeavour of the Government to curb vulgarity in films. The measures include increasing the representation of women in Central Board of Film Certification and its advisory, panels, certification of songs alongwith the films etc. Film producers have also been asked to impose self-regulation and vulgarity and violence.

National broadcast poltey

134. SHE! IQBAL SINGH; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a national broadcasting policy;

(b) it so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what concrete steps Government propose to take to counter anti-India propaganda in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI X. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The mandate given to Akaahvani and Doordarshan is to inform, educate and entertain the people of this country. The broad policy fnme-work followed by them in this regard is as follows:—

(i) To give effective coverage *to* . Government programmes; policies